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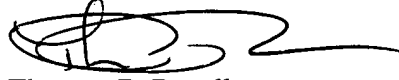
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Dear Sir:

Applicants note that the above-identified application was filed on December 22, 2000. The official Filing Receipt was mailed on February 28, 2001. A Notice to File Missing Parts of Application was mailed on February 28, 2001, to which a response was filed on March 15, 2001. Information Disclosures Statements were filed on March 28, 2001; June 21, 2001; and October 2, 2001. A Preliminary Amendment was also filed on August 2, 2001. Applicants filed Status Inquiry Letters on March 15, 2002 and September 16, 2002. Applicants received a communication from the USPTO advising that this application would be examined in 0 to 3 months from September 24, 2002. Having received no further communication from the Patent Office, applicants filed a 3rd Status Inquiry Letter on March 24, 2003. Having received no further communication from the Patent Office, applicants filed 4th and 5th Status Inquiry Letters on September 29, 2003 and March 18, 2004. To date, applicants have not yet received any further communication from the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Kindly let us have the status of the above-identified application, including an indication as to when the next communication may be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

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